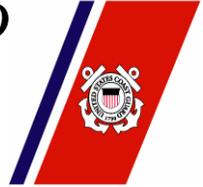




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### **OPENING OF REGIONAL EXAM CENTER (REC) REMOTE CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE OFFICE IN BRANSON, MO**

**November 9, 2007**

In an attempt to reduce time and travel costs for mariners in the Branson area, the Regional Examination Center (REC) in St. Louis, MO announces the opening of a Remote Customer Assistance Office in Branson, MO. This new office is located in the Missouri Career Center, located at 2720 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway in Branson, MO. The Remote Customer Assistance office is open on the first and third Wednesday of each month to assist mariners with obtaining a new or renewed merchant mariner credential.

While this customer assistance office does not provide full service REC functions, it does provide the following functions for each applicant:

- 1) ensure that all applications are acceptable;
- 2) complete the citizenship verification process for each application; and
- 3) complete all fingerprint requirements for each application.

Upon completion of initial application, the remote customer assistance office sends the package to REC St. Louis for resolution of the document, license, or endorsement. The applicant is then notified of the resolution of his or her application and in many cases the entire credential process can be completed without the applicant leaving Branson.

The Branson REC Remote Customer Assistance Office operates by appointment only, which may be made during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. The first day of operation will be December 5, 2007. For appointments or more information, call REC, St. Louis, MO: (314) 269-2504

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